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In re Application of: Kazuhiko YOSHIDA, et al.)	
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U.S. Application No.: 10/791,871)	
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Filed: March 4, 2004)	
)	Examiner: T. Morrison
For: SHEET TRANSPORTING DEVICE AND IMAGE))	
FORMING APPARATUS AND ASSEMBLING)		
METHOD FOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)		

The Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Election/Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claim 13) or Group II (claims 1-12 and 14-19). Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 1-12 and 14-19) for examination. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.


If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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